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Declaring that the City of Minneapolis ban dangerous weapons from city owned buildings or any space leased or controlled by the City of Minneapolis.

Whereas, Minnesota Statutes, Section 624.72, Subdivision 3, authorizes the City Council of the City of Minneapolis to promulgate reasonable rules for the purpose of protecting the free, proper and lawful access to, egress from and proper use of public property, and for the purpose of protecting the conduct of public business therein or thereon, free from interference, or disruption or the threat thereof; and

Whereas, The Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial District issued an order on May 27, 2003, restricting the ability of persons to possess weapons in any courthouse complex in Hennepin County; and

Whereas, The City Council of the City of Minneapolis finds that the possession of dangerous weapons, as defined by Minnesota law, in places where the City of Minneapolis conducts business poses a threat of confusion, disturbance, delay, disruption, or interference with the conduct of public business; and

Whereas, combining potential workplace violence with weapons could lead to unnecessary injuries or deaths in the workplace; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis is desirous of having a safe and healthful workplace for its employees;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the purpose of this resolution is to properly care for and protect city facilities and to protect the free, proper and lawful access to, egress from and proper use of public property to conduct public business therein or thereon, free from interference, or disruption or the threat thereof.

Be It Further Resolved that the City of Minneapolis prohibits the possession of any dangerous weapon within any building owned by the City of Minneapolis or any space leased or controlled by the City of Minneapolis in which City of Minneapolis business is conducted.

Be It Further Resolved that the prohibition in this resolution does not apply to (1) licensed peace officers or federally authorized law enforcement agents in the performance of their official duties; and (2) any exception provided in the Hennepin County District Court's Order dated May 27, 2003 or as amended; and (3) employees of the Minneapolis Police Department, who are not licensed peace officers, when they handle or possess a firearm or dangerous weapon in the Minneapolis City Hall/Hennepin County Courthouse in the course and scope of their employment with the City of Minneapolis.

Be It Further Resolved that the City Coordinator shall establish policies consistent with this resolution, including publishing or posting reasonable notice.